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Title: Need to include Mansa district in Punjab under Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission Programme − Laid.

*SHRI BHAN SINGH BHAURA (BHATINDA) : The present day district of Mansa in Punjab was carved out from Bhatinda district. The entire erstwhile Bhatinda district has been a water scarcity district. However, when the Mansa district was constituted, the Government did not declare it as a water scarcity district.

The drinking water scenario in Bhatinda is very grim. In rural areas people have to walk down to fetch drinking water. The Government has not only not declared it a water scarcity district, but even it did not include this district into Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission Programme which could have benefited the population of this district in solving their water problem to some extent.

I, therefore, request the Hon. Minister to consider the case of Mansa district sympathetically and take necessary action so that this district is included under the Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission Programme.

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*Laid on the Table.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2003.

14.07 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on Wednesday, July 23, 2003/ Sravana 1, 1925 (Saka).